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# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0322/02 Faecal loading

WA Coding Rule 0920/01 *Faecal loading* is superseded by ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Coding Rule ***Faecal loading*** (Ref No: Q3656) effective 1 April 2022; (log in to view on the [IHPA Australian Classification Exchange](#)).



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### Q.

Which ICD-10-AM code is assigned for faecal loading?

### A.

Faecal loading is the term commonly used to refer to retained faeces evidenced on abdominal X-ray, and clinical advice confirms it is synonymous with faecal retention.

Faecal loading, not otherwise specified, which meets criteria in ACS 0002 Additional diagnoses, should be assigned K59.0 *Constipation* by following Alphabetic Index pathway:

### Retention, retained

- faecal (see also Constipation) K59.0

### DECISION

**Assign K59.0 *Constipation* for faecal loading, not otherwise specified, which meets criteria in ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses*.**

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